

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Replace the claims with the following rewritten version:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for ~~accepting and/or~~ authenticating documents, comprising: especially banknotes, wherein feeding the document is fed to a verification unit by means of an input unit, authenticating the document, is authenticated and releasing the document released for further processing, wherein said ~~characterized in that~~ authenticating the document the authentication process is performed with a combination of at least two different verification methods processes.
2. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 1, ~~wherein the~~ characterized in that at least two verification methods are selected from the group ~~that comprising~~ comprises especially size verification, magnetic verification, image verification, infrared verification, UV verification, and visual verification ~~and others are used.~~
3. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein ~~characterized in that the results of the verification methods are compared.~~
4. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of the claims 1 through 3~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a visual verification method ~~process~~ is conducted.
5. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of the claims 1 through 4~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the visual verification method is performed as a function of the value of the document.
6. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of the claims 1 through 5~~ 4, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the visual verification method is performed as a function of authentication certainty.

7. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of the claims 1 through 6~~, wherein
~~characterized in that~~ the document is accepted with positive authentication and
rejected with negative authentication.
8. (Currently Amended) Device for ~~accepting and/or authenticating a~~ documents,
comprising: especially banknotes,
~~characterized by~~
at least two verification stations, each of which performs a different
verification process for authentication of the document, and
a computer unit for comparing ~~the~~ results of the verification stations.